



# INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Provider Participation and Advancement Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

August 10, 2015

### MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

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John Burnett

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**Attendees:** Erin Kissling, Anne Gabbert, Sally Lacey, Lacey, Mattie Solomon, Victoria Mattney, Deb Hughes, Karen Hamberger, Liane Nickey, Christy Prulhiere, Melanie Brizzi, Kathryn Raasch, Lamont “Monty” Hulse, and Amanda Lopez

### Key Topics Discussed:

- A new co-chair was added to make three workgroup chairs: Lamont Hulse with Early Learning Indiana who has a tremendous amount of community building experience.
- Several new workgroup members have been added and were introduced: Victoria Mattney, Karen Hamberger, Christy Prulhiere, Lacey Kottcamp,
- Monty presented on Early Learning Indiana’s Partnerships for Early Learners Initiative (see Power Point presentation in Wiggio).
- Reviewed the workgroup’s framework that was developed in May 2014 to update the priority work areas.
- Some communities shared the work that is happening locally.
  - New Castle has Hope Initiative
  - Delaware County – By 5 Initiative
- The main thing that it takes is relationships.
- Key Stakeholders: Center Directors, Faith-Based, Businesses, and United Ways are common community leaders. “Champions”
- Recommend having a “training camp” for communities
- One idea is to look at other states for models to support local communities. Smart Start is an example. The Aspen Institute
- A couple of key deliverables for the workgroup: Comprehensive list of the status of communities’ work around early childhood and Toolkit for communities.
- Revised the workgroup framework and identified a new priority responsibility.
- Proposed timeline for the workgroup’s strategic work plan: Sept – Nov work on **identifying** the community collaborations with a deliverable(s) of a map and list of communities and their interest / readiness; Nov – Dec identify/recommend opportunities for **connections**; Jan – May work on a toolkit to **support** and **equip** local community collaborations.



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### Key Questions Raised:

- Who else needs to be involved in this work? Do we have the right people around the table?
- What resources and tools are available to support community's efforts?
- What have other states done that are building local capacity, and we can replicate / modify?
- What communities in Indiana are already focused around this work? What interest and capacity exists in the other communities?

### Action Steps:

1. Research and understand best practices around the country: **Lacey** will share about the national research connected. **Monty** will share about information around best practices (BUILD). **Amanda** will share from Aspen.
2. Understand the status in Indiana communities: **Sally** will gather information from CCR&R Program Directors; **Amanda** will share the quality improvement questionnaire as an example for a questionnaire to communities; **Karen** will follow-up with Lilly Endowment/CAPE on status of those initiatives around early childhood education; **Christy** will share about Head Start's focus and opportunities to collaborate.
3. Finalize the new workgroup framework and work plan for the next 6 months.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 14, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Location:** Wayne Township Preschool, 31155 South High School Road, Indianapolis,

**Conference Call #:** 877-422-1931; code 8938051085